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To: Director, FBI (105-34237) Date: 5/30/60

From: SAC, Miami (105-1497) TAMPA

Subject: ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF FLORIDA
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-NEW)

PROPOSED FORMATION OF WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL,
BRADENTON, FLA.
RACIAL MATTERS

Transmitted herewith for Bureau, Jacksonville, Memphis, and New Orleans are appropriate copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting information furnished to SA [redacted] 12/27/61, by [redacted] a bombing suspect of the Tampa Division.

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Jacksonville advise Tampa if info is received indicating that Governor BRYANT of Fla. will visit Bradenton, Fla., on or about 1/19/62.

Memphis and New Orleans advise Tampa if info is received that Governor of Mississippi will visit Bradenton on or about 1/19/62.

Tampa will maintain contact with appropriate established sources in effort to verify that such a meeting will be held at Bradenton 1/19/62.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Tampa, Florida
January 3, 1961

PROPOSED FORMATION OF WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL, BRADENTON, FLORIDA

On December 27, 1961, a source of information, which has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] a resident of [redacted] Florida, is an outspoken and ardent segregationist who was active in the organization of and was [redacted] a Klavern of the Ku Klux Klan at Palmetto a few years ago. He said [redacted] is no longer active in a Klan and there is no Klan organization in the Palmetto area. However, [redacted] is now quite interested in the White Citizens Council. b6 b7C

This source said [redacted] recently stated to him that he had rented the Cabana Inn, an ultra modern motel and restaurant at Bradenton, Florida, for January 19, 1962, at which time a meeting will be held there to promote interest in the White Citizens Council. [redacted] reportedly stated that Governor FARRIS BRYANT of Florida will attend the meeting and will introduce the Governor of Mississippi, who will be the principal speaker at the meeting. b6 b7C

The source said [redacted] is keeping very quiet about this meeting so the local politicians will not try to take over and dominate the two Governors, and a public announcement will be made a few days prior to the meeting.

The source, [redacted] stated [redacted] is a "big talker," and he often makes plans for big functions that never materialize. However, the source did not know if this was another of [redacted] dreams or if it would actually take place. b6 b7C b7D

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-418)

CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING,
BRADENTON, FLORIDA, 1/19/62
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: Tampa)

Transmitted herewith for the Bureau, Jacksonville and New Orleans are appropriate copies of letterhead memoranda reflecting information furnished to SA [redacted] by [redacted] on 1/23/62 and by [redacted] Sarasota, Florida to SA [redacted] on 1/22/62. [redacted] has been known to SA [redacted] for several years and often furnishes information to the FBI on a confidential basis. b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] said two unknown white males arrived at the Bradenton meeting in a 1960 or 1961 Chevrolet, license 2W-11499 (year unknown). These men seemed to be instrumental in organizing this meeting and were accompanied by [redacted] of Jacksonville. One photograph of these two unknown white males is enclosed for Jacksonville. Jacksonville attempt identify these men and advise Tampa. b6 b7C b7D

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Tampa will continue to follow the organization and activities of the Citizens Council at Bradenton, Florida through established sources.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Tampa, Florida

January 23, 1962

CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETING,
BRADENTON, FLORIDA
JANUARY 19, 1962

On January 22, 1962 and January 23, 1962, confidential sources advised as follows:

On Friday, January 19, 1962, a Citizens Council Meeting was held at the Municipal Auditorium, Bradenton, Florida attended by approximately 250 persons.

The principal speaker was Governor Ross Barnett of Mississippi who was introduced by Jimmy Harrison, a well known segregationist, Bradenton, Florida. Governor Barnett talked on States Rights and Segregation.

Gene Fallou (phonetic), active member of United Florida Ku Klux Klan, Fernandina, Florida, gave the opening and closing prayers at the meeting.

On the stage with Governor Barnett were a Mr. Simmons (phonetic), Fallou and Harrison.

Among others in attendance were:

[redacted] and (FNU) [redacted] who publish a white supremacy paper at Palatka, Florida. One [redacted] was with [redacted] b6 b7C

The following United Florida Ku Klux Klan members were present:

[redacted]

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[redacted] United Florida Ku Klux Klan Office, Tallahassee, Florida

[redacted] Jacksonville, Florida

[redacted] Orlando, Florida

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[redacted] Fernandina, Florida.

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In addition to the above, approximately 15 more Klan members were present at the meeting.

Source did not believe that Governor Barnett was aware of the active support and attendance given by the Klan at this meeting. Source stated that no reference was made to the Klan at the meeting or in the presence of Governor Barnett.

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Citizens Council Meeting Is Held

By PHIL HEVENER

Interested citizens took the initial steps toward the organization of a White Citizens Council in Manatee County Tuesday night.

Seventy to eighty persons — reporters and policemen included — heard a talk at Kiwanis Hall in Bradenton from an advisor to the National White Citizens Council, Medford Evans.

Evans told those present that it is an honor to join, "For you are then engaging yourself in that battle from which white liberty or communism will emerge victorious."

Throughout his speech Evans hammered at the view that behind the forced integration of Negroes in America there are organized pressure groups who would see communism victorious in this country.

Quoting from what he said was the communist formula as it is being applied to North America, Evans alleged that their slogan is, "Disintegration through integration."

Brought to Bradenton through the special efforts of J. B. Harrison and R. B. Bradley, Evans has been a consultant to General Edwin Walker, and presently acts in the same capacity for the Citizens Councils of America.

Commenting on his connections with Gen. Walker, Evans said that the federal government's present attempts to have him undergo pychiatric examinations are nothing more than another effort to have him "sent up the river."

From the text of his speech Evans drew several conclusions. Most important of these was his belief that the present movement afoot in the United States to improve race relations is not meant to do that, but rather to destroy the existing order of society and hurt the United States.

He called the communist party the main instigator behind racial strife and said, "If you fear what the communist party may do to you, then don't join the Citizens Council.

"If the Citizens Council is organized fast enough in enough states then we will surely win. . . . The struggle is far from over, the issue is in your hands. . . . I will tell you this, Mississippi will not give up, nor will the federal government in its attempts to crush Mississippi."

Concluding, he called for a concerted effort by citizens to meet the conflict "head-on."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Sarasota Herald Tribune
Sarasota, Fla.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-New)(P)

MANATEE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL,
BRADENTON, FLORIDA
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U.I. - Tampa

Transmitted herewith are 8 copies of letterhead memorandum, suitable for dissemination and 2 clippings from Sarasota, Florida, Herald-Tribune, 11/14/62, concerning the organizational meeting of captioned group at Bradenton, Florida, 11/13/62.

Information was furnished to SA [redacted] 11/14/62 by [redacted] and [redacted] Bradenton, Florida who volunteered information to SA [redacted]

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Tampa, Florida
November 15, 1962

MANATEE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL,
BRADENTON, FLORIDA

At 8:00 PM, November 13, 1962 the first meeting of Manatee County Citizens Council was held at Kiwanis Hall, 21st Avenue and 14th Street, West, Bradenton, Florida. Pre-meeting publicity, including newspaper releases and mailed invitations, announced that temporary chairman is R.B. BRADLEY and temporary secretary is VIOLA MC MANUS. Principal speaker at the meeting was announced as Dr. MEDFORD EVANS, "Former chief of training for Atomic Energy Commission and noted authority on anti-Communism."

News item covering Dr. EVANS' speech further identified him as a former consultant to General EDWIN WALKER.

The meeting was attended by about 50 persons. Dr. EVANS' speech emphasized that forced integration of Negroes in America is due to pressure from groups sympathetic toward Communism.

A nominating committee was formed which included [redacted] all known to be former members of U.S. Klans in Manatee County in 1961. b6 b7C

The next meeting of this group has been set for December 11, 1962 at which time membership applications will be accepted and officers elected.

No policies or direct objectives were voiced at this meeting and violence was not advocated during any of the talks or informal groups after the meeting.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-627) (C)

CITIZENS COUNCILS
RACIAL MATTERS

ReBuairtel 11/20/62.

For information of Bureau, there has been no indication of Citizens Council activity within the area covered by Tampa Division during the past couple of years, except for the very recent formation of such an organization at Bradenton, Manatee Co., Fla., which group is further described in subsequent paragraphs of this communication.

Racial informants have, from time to time, reported statements allegedly made by members of the Ku Klux Klan indicating their interest in forming citizens councils, however, no information has been developed to show that any actual efforts were made, except in isolated instances, to organize such councils. Apparently the only successful effort to date is the aforementioned "Manatee Citizens Council" on 11/13/62.

1. COUNCIL

The Manatee County Citizens Council, Bradenton, Fla., TPfile 157-621,, no Bureau file designated as yet.

This council is in the Sarasota, Fla., Resident Agency and membership is estimated at "almost 100" persons.

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2. LEADERS

[redacted]
Bradenton, Fla.
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[redacted]
Bradenton, Fla.
temporary Secretary.

These individuals, whose names are negative in Tampa indices, are apparently only "figure heads" being used to start the organization. Officers are to be elected at the first closed type meeting of the council, scheduled for 12/11/62 at Bradenton, Fla. Those attending this meeting are to be members or expected to pay membership dues at the meeting. Membership dues are set at $2 per year for a minimum membership, $5 for a participating membership, and $10 for a contributing membership.

3. COVERAGE OF COUNCIL

Formation of this council is being followed through [redacted] an established source, and through [redacted] Bradenton, Fla., who has volunteered information at the Sarasota RA.

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4. POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE

[redacted] advised on 11/12/62 that [redacted] United Florida KKK, (Samsula, Fla. about 150 miles from Bradenton) sent out mimeograph letters under his signature calling attention of klansmen to the Citizens Council meeting at Bradenton on 11/13/62. Source also advised that KERSEY telephoned some klansmen to urge that they attend this meeting.

[redacted] advised on 11/14/62 that the nominating committee formed at the 11/13/62 Citizens Council meeting included [redacted] among others.

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This informant has advised that the above named individuals were members of the U. S. Klans in Manatee Co., Fla., during 1961.

[redacted] stated on 11/26/62 that [redacted] and [redacted] attended a meeting of state officers and local klavern officers of the UFKKK at Samsula, Fla., on 11/25/62, at which meeting [redacted] reported on the formation of the new Citizens Council at Bradenton and of the fact that he estimated the organization had almost 100 members. b6 b7C

It is further to be noted that [redacted] is a potential bombing suspect of the Tampa Office, he being known to have sold numerous weapons, including some machineguns, to klansmen in the past.

Due to the above set forth information, it is believed that the Manatee Co. Citizens Council has a definite potential for violence in connection with racial issues, it being felt that [redacted] was the moving force behind the organization of said group. In this connection b6 b7C it is to be noted that [redacted] of the Citizens Council at Bradenton in January of 1962, when a large crowd turned out to hear a speech by Governor ROSS BARNETT of Mississippi.

The Tampa Division will continue to follow the organization and activities of the Manatee Co. Citizens Council through established sources, office contacts, and through scrutiny of the public press.

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Airtel

To; SACs, Tampa (157-621)
New Orleans

From: Director, FBI (105-34237) — 64 - 6

CITIZEN'S COUNCIL - RACIAL MATTERS

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Re Tampa airtel 1/25/63 with accompanying letterhead memorandum captioned "Mississippi Governor Ross Barnett Allegedly Instigating Formation of Citizen's Council at Tampa, Florida."

Re letterhead memorandum mentions the "U. S. Klans" and the "United Florida KKK." These two organizations are properly referred to as the "U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klans, Inc.," and the "United Florida Ku Klux Klan."

The letterhead memorandum did not contain characterizations of these organizations. Immediately submit an amended airtel and letterhead memorandum setting forth thecharacterizations of these two organizations.

New Orleans should make no open inquiry concerning the alleged visit of Governor Ross Barnett to Florida during January, 1963. This information should be obtained from public source material and established sources, if possible.

Tampa has indicated that [redacted] furnished the information that Barnett is alleged to have met during January at Tampa, Florida, with [redacted] relative to organizing a citizen's council. [redacted] should be recontacted to more definitely establish the date of this contact of Barnett with [redacted]

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Airtel to SACs, Tampa
New Orleans
RE: CITIZEN'S COUNCIL

Re letterhead memorandum indicates on page one that "The News," Sarasota, Florida, in its issue of 11/14/62 called attention to the fact that a Manatee County Citizen's Council meeting held at Bradenton on 11/13/62 was sponsored by certain individuals in Sarasota County who had been associated with the Ku Klux Klan including James, Harrison, Jr. Advise if the article mentioned the "KKK" which is an organization cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450 and also advise if James Harrison, Jr., was identified as a klansman in the article.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)
SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-621)

CITIZEN"S COUNCIL - RACIAL MATTERS

Re Buairtel to Atlanta dated 11/20/62 and Tampa airtel to Director dated 12/5/62.

Enclosed for the Bureau are appropriate copies of self-explanatory letterhead memo for possible dissemination purposes.

Sources who furnished information set forth in enclosed memorandum are identified as:

First Source - [redacted] b7D

Second Source - [redacted]

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION:

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI is requested to discreetly verify if possible, whether Governor ROSS BARNETT of Mississippi, has made a trip to Florida during January, 1963, and whether he or the Lt. Governor of the State anticipate making a trip to Bradenton and/or Tampa, Fla. during Feb., 1963.

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AT TAMPA, FLORIDA:

Will follow and report attempts to organize the Citizen's Council at Tampa, through established sources.

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January 25, 1963
Tampa 9, Florida

MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR ROSS BARNETT
ALLEGEDLY INSTIGATING FORMATION OF
CITIZEN'S COUNCIL AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during January, 1963, that Governor ROSS BARNETT of the State of Mississippi is alleged to have met during January at Tampa, Florida, with one [redacted] of said city, relative to the organizing of a Citizen's Council. Governor BARNETT was referred to [redacted] by [redacted] of the Bradenton, Florida, area, according to source. Source said Governor BARNETT furnished [redacted] with a copy of "The White Book of Citizen's Council Organization", as prepared by the Citizen's Council, Plaza Building, Jackson, Miss., copyrighted 1962. b6 b7C

Source said Governor BARNETT allegedly indicated he would be in Bradenton, Florida, sometime during the latter part of Feb., 1963, suggested that [redacted] organize a group of at least 12 persons in Tampa by that time, and that he would be in touch with said group during the period of his forthcoming trip to the Bradenton area. b6 b7C

Source said that [redacted] a former member of the U.S. Klans at Tampa has indicated he will attempt to organize a Citizen's Council in Tampa.

It is to be noted that articles in the Sarasota and Bradenton, Fla., newspapers during Nov., 1962, advised concerning the organizing of a Manatee County Citizen's Council, at Bradenton, during that month.

An article in "The News", Sarasota, Fla, issue of 11/14/62, called attention to the fact that Manatee County Citizen's Council meeting held at Bradenton on 11/13/62 was sponsored by certain individuals in Sarasota County, who have been associated with the KKK, including JAMES HARRISON, JR. The article said HARRISON had presided at the first meeting of instant Citizen's Council several months previous, at which meeting Governor Ross BARNETT of Mississippi was the principle speaker.

Second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated on 1/14/63, that [redacted] was in attendance at b6 b7C

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a State Officer's meeting of the United Florida KKK held in Orlando, Florida on 1/13/63, at which time he reported to that group that he and the Citizen's Council at Bradenton, Fla., are expecting to have the Lt. Governor of the State of Mississippi, or LEWIS HOLLIS of the Citizen's Council in Mississippito speak at a Citizen's Council meeting in Bradenton sometime during the month of February.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-621) (P)

CITIZEN'S COUNCIL - RACIAL MATTERS

Re Tampa airtel 1/25/63 and letterhead memorandum enclosed therewith; and Buairtel 1/31/63.

Enclosed are appropriate copies of letterhead memorandum, amended, as requested in reBuairtel.

Sources who furnished information set forth in enclosed memorandum are identified as :

First source, [redacted]
Second source
Third source, PCI [redacted]

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Relative to the last paragraph in reBuairtel, it is believed that the "Ku Klux Klan" mentioned in the 11/14/62 issue of "The News", Sarasota, Fla., refers only to the Klan organization generally and not to any specific Klan organization, such as that cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450. It is to be noted that enclosed memorandum was amended to set forth the specific way in which JAMES HARRISON, JR. was

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identified in referenced article. It is to be noted that the Tampa Division has found on many occasions in the past that Klansmen, in talking of their activities and their contacts, grossly exaggerate as to the strength of pro-segregation organizations and concerning the importance of these contacts. In view of the information developed through PCI [redacted] which was obtained since submission of the first letterhead memorandum referred to above, it is believed that LEWIS HOLLIS is probably the individual who contacted [redacted] at Tampa concerning the organizing of the Citizen's Council in said city and that [redacted] then attempted to impress [redacted] with his alleged "personal contact" with Governor ROSS BARNETT. b6 b7C b7D

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS

AT JACKSON, MISS.

Will, through possible source material and established sources, if possible, attempt to discreetly verify whether Governor ROSS BARNETT of Mississippi made a trip to Florida during mid-January, 1963 and whether he or the Lieutenant Governor of the State anticipated making a trip to Bradenton and/or Tampa, Florida during February, 1963.

Will also discreetly attempt to determine whether or not LEWIS HOLLIS, Citizen's Council functionary at Jackson, Miss., intends to visit the Tampa and/or Bradenton, Fla. area during February, 1963.

TAMPA

AT TAMPA, FLA.

Will follow and report attempts to organize the Citizen's Council at Tampa, through established sources.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Tampa, Florida
February 5, 1963

MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR ROSS BARNETT ALLEGEDLY INSTIGATING FORMATION OF CITIZEN'S COUNCIL AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 25, 1963 that Governor ROSS BARNETT of the State of Mississippi is alleged to have met about a week previous at Tampa, Florida, with one [redacted] of said city, relative to the organizing of a Citizen's Council. Governor BARNETT was referred to [redacted] by [redacted] of the Bradenton, Florida area, according to source. Source said Governor BARNETT furnished [redacted] with a copy of "The White Book of Citizen's Council Organization", as prepared by the Citizen's Council, Plaza Building, Jackson, Miss., copyrighted 1962.

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Source said Governor BARNETT allegedly indicated he would be in Bradenton, Florida, sometime during the latter part of February, 1963, suggested that [redacted] organize a group of at least 12 persons in Tampa by that time, and that he would be in touch with said group during the period of his forthcoming trip to the Bradenton area.

Source said that [redacted] a former member of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. at Tampa, has indicated he will attempt to organize a Citizen's Council in Tampa.

> A characterization of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klans, Inc. appears in the appendix hereto.

It is to be noted that articles in the Sarasota and Bradenton, Florida newspapers during November, 1962, advised concerning the organizing of a Manatee County Citizen's Council at Bradenton during that month.

An article in "The News", Sarasota, Florida, issue November 14, 1962, called attention to the fact that a Manatee County Citizen's Council meeting held at Bradenton on November 13, 1962 was sponsored by certain individuals in Sarasota County, who have

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been associated with the Ku Klux Klan and that JAMES HARRISON, JR., who was instrumental in arranging for the speaker of the evening on November 13, 1962, "bailed out members of the Klan three years ago when they were arrested in Bradenton". The article said HARRISON had presided at the first meeting of instant Citizen's Council several months previous, at which meeting Governor ROSS BARNETT of Mississippi was the principal speaker.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated on January 14, 1963, that [redacted] was in attendance at a State Officers meeting of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan held in Orlando, Florida on January 13, 1963, at which time he reported to that group that he and the Citizen's Council at Bradenton, Florida are expecting to have the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Mississippi, or LEWIS HOLLIS of the Citizen's Council in Mississippi, speak at a Citizen's Council meeting in Bradenton sometime during the month of February.

A characterization of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan appears in the appendix hereto.

It is to be noted that a third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated on January 23, 1963 that LEWIS HOLLIS, described as "an organizer of the Citizen's Councils from Jackson, Mississippi", was the guest speaker at the Manatee County Citizen's Council meeting held at Bradenton, Florida at 8:00 P.M. on January 18, 1963. Source, in identifying those in attendance at this meeting, did not mention Governor ROSS BARNETT or indicate any mention that the Governor had been or was to be in the area.

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APPENDIX

UNITED FLORIDA KU KLUX KLAN
JACKSONVILLE (UFKKK)

A source advised on August 20, 1955, that a new organization known as Florida Ku Klux Klan (FKKK) had been formed at Macclenny, Florida, on August 14, 1955, by former members of the Association of Florida Ku Klux Klan (AFKKK).

The objectives of this group, according to a second source, are to oppose integration in the schools and to fight communism.

Regarding AFKKK, a third source advised that a former official of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) formed an organization on July 7, 1953, known as AFKKK. The "Morning Tribune", Tampa, Florida, newspaper, in its August 11, 1955, issue revealed AFKKK disbanded on that date.

A fourth source advised on October 25, 1956, that AFKKK operated under the same principles and bylaws as the AGK. The AGK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A fifth source advised on February 17, 1958, that the FKKK was operating and maintaining the same objectives as set forth above.

The sixth source advised on June 28, 1961, that at a meeting held in Orlando, Florida, on June 25, 1961, the FKKK and the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., in Florida, consolidated and the new organization is known as the UFKKK.

On May 17, 1962, the sixth source advised that the UFKKK is still in existence in Florida and maintains the same objectives set forth above.

APPENDIX

U. S. KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka, U. S. KLANS (USK)

A source advised on October 12, 1956, that [redacted] organized a new klan group in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1953. This organization received a corporate charter in Georgia in October, 1955, under the name U. S. Klans. The same source, and a second source, advised in May, 1960, that U. S. Klans has no direct affiliation with any previous klan group, but utilizes, with only minor changes, the klan Kloran or ritual written in about 1915 by WILLIAM JOSEPH SIMMONS for use by the old Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (1915-1944). b6 b7C

These sources advised that the U. S. Klans has as its principal aims and objectives the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races. On numerous occasions [redacted] announced that these objectives would be attained by legal means and without violence.

The first source and a third source advised in February, 1961, that at that time a split occurred in U. S. Klans, which resulted in a great majority of the officers and members pulling out and forming a new klan group known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

These sources advised in May, 1962, that U. S. Klans is almost out of existence and only a few units remain.

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Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 3/25/63

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-627) (C)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Tampa airtel dated 12/5/62 under above caption, also Tampa airtel dated 2/5/63 enclosing letterhead memorandum entitled "Mississippi Governor ROSS BARNETT Allegedly Instigating Formation of Citizens' Council at Tampa, Florida", and Tampa airtel dated 3/18/63 entitled "Manatee County Citizens Council, Bradenton, Florida", RM, enclosing letterhead memorandum under same title.

For the Bureau's information, [redacted] b7D reported on 3/8/63 that a group of four Tampa attorneys were alleged to be going to Bradenton, Florida on the evening of said date to attend a meeting from which they intended to obtain more information on how to form a Citizens Council at Tampa, Florida.

It is to be noted that reairtel dated 3/18/63 enclosed information concerning the fact that PAUL B. JOHNSON, JR., Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi, and LOUIS H. HOLLIS, National Executive Director of The Citizens Council, were in attendance at a Citizens Council meeting at Bradenton on 3/8/63.

[redacted] reported on 3/13/63 that a meeting was allegedly planned at the residence of [redacted] listed in Tampa City Directory as [redacted] b6 b7C b7D Tampa, for the purpose of forming a Citizens Council. This meeting was to have been held on 3/12/63.

Above mentioned source is following action in this matter. Since he is an established source, it is anticipated that he will join the Citizens Council at Tampa, if one is formed. A letterhead memorandum for dissemination purposes will be submitted to the Bureau at such time as it is established that a Citizens Council is actually being formed at Tampa, or that one has been formed.

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AT MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM LAST NIGHT

South Must Regain Voice, Johnson Tells Audience

By GEORGE BUTLER
Herald Staff Writer

Lieutenant Governor Paul B. Johnson Jr. of Mississippi, speaking in Bradenton last night, urged that the South "begin now to regain a definite voice in national affairs."

Johnson said this could be done "only by building a strong vote bloc in the South, to offset other 'bloc votes' to which the politician now caters."

The minority bloc vote is what is making the politicians "dance," he said, "and the South needs to organize the largest minority bloc in America" in order to keep "our American way of life from being swept away by left-wing Socialists."

The segregation leader spoke in Municipal Auditorium to a fair-sized crowd at a public meeting sponsored by the Manatee County Citizens Council.

Fooled Long Enough

"The people in America have been fooled long enough," Johnson said. "They are beginning to awaken as they never have before . . . The Oxford incident did one thing—it caused the people throughout the nation to realize just how far down the road to Socialism this country has come . . . If it did nothing else, Ox-

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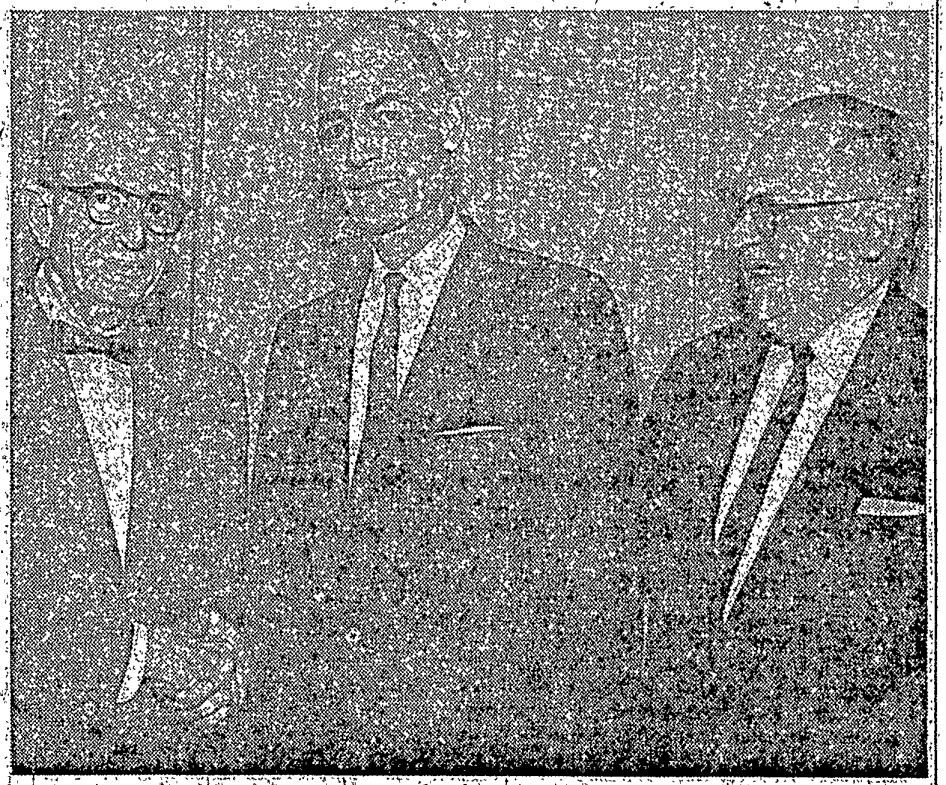

SPEAK IN BRADENTON—Lieutenant Governor Paul B. Johnson Jr. of Mississippi, center, is shown with Louis W. Hollis, right, national executive director of The Citizens Council, and J. E. B. Asbell, president of Manatee County Citizens Council, at public meeting last night in Municipal Auditorium. Johnson urged South to form voting bloc to defeat President Kennedy in 1964. (Herald Staff Photo by Hartman)

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Bradenton, Florida.

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Editor: JOHN T. HAMNER
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ford would have been justified a million times."

Johnson told his audience there was little need to lambast and verbally abuse the Kennedy administration. "The administration is not harmed by words—when a kept segment of the national information media grinds out its slanted story, half-truths and prejudiced propaganda to protect and justify administration policy, and to keep from the public eye the actual facts on matters critical to the nation's welfare.

"Events in recent months and efforts to justify flagrant abuses of federal power have brought fear, intimidation and a sense of terror to the hearts of people throughout the country."

Must Be Defeated

Johnson said Kennedy must be defeated at all costs in the next presidential election. "Rockefeller can't be elected; he can't get enough electoral votes."

The speaker did not advocate a third party. "If we attempt it, we would destroy ourselves." He urged a more subtle approach—a solid stand in the South in selecting its own electoral college candidates.

He suggested two slates of electoral candidates on the Democratic ticket . . . For example, Kennedy and Wallace in Alabama, Kennedy and Strom Thurmond in South Carolina. In Arkansas, Kennedy and Faubus.

Kennedy could not win without the South, he insisted, and the South could force the election into the House of Representatives which could vote on the three top candidates.

"Some people think there is no way to defeat John F. Kennedy for President in 1964 . . . I say they could not be further from the truth."

Johnson said the majority of Americans "basically are conservative." The rising strength of Republicans in the South, he added, is due only to the conservatives who are sick and fed up with the Democratic party, taken over by left-wing elements . . . The Republicans in the South are old-line Democrats. Give them a chance and they'll come back into the Democratic fold."

Efforts of the Southern states must be ~~strategy~~ planned, he said. "We must not initiate action in a state where we would make the difference of defeat between conservative Republicans and left-wing Democrats.

Seeks Peace

"The South seeks peace and guarantees its own loyalty to the nation. But the voice of the South, insistent upon its State's Rights to govern itself under the Constitution, should not be annoying to the ears of justice nor offensive to the conscience of the American people.

"Those who chant their praises of democracy, but who lose no chance to drive their knives into the South's defenseless back, must feel the weight and thrust of the South's potential political power.

"Political janizaries are parading the states in a desperate effort to influence the nation's public opinion against the South. Such men are grossly ignorant of the primary fact that other sections piously point away from their own backyards, which have become social and political shambles of their own creation.

"Riot, murder, rape and lawless desire stalk the nation's capital, and men of alleged responsibility try to justify, rather than acknowledge and obviate the odious condition."

Lt. Gov. Johnson was accompanied to Bradenton by Louis W. Hollis of Jackson, Miss., national executive director of The Citizens Council.

The speaker was welcomed by J. E. B. Asbell, president of the local council.

Johnson was introduced by Rep. Jim Dukker of Orange County, a Republican, who said "conservatives of whatever party must hang together or we will hang separately." He referred to Johnson as "the next governor of Mississippi."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)
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FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-621) (P)

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BRADENTON, FLORIDA
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum, suitable for dissemination, and two clippings from Bradenton Herald, Bradenton, Fla., March 9, 1963, concerning public meeting at Bradenton, Fla., March 8, 1963, sponsored by captioned organization.

Information copies of the letterhead memorandum are also enclosed for Jacksonville and New Orleans.

Information was furnished to SA [redacted] b6 b7C March 14, 1963, by PCI (RAC) [redacted] Bradenton, Fla.

The Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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MANATEE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL
BRADENTON, FLORIDA

The Manatee County Citizens Council, Bradenton, Florida, held an organization meeting on November 13, 1962; and regular meetings of the organization have been held on December 13, 1962, January 18, 1963, and February 16, 1963. Officers have been elected as follows:

President	J. E. B. ASBELL
Vice President	D. LEROY WHITTLE
Secretary	Mrs. VIOLA McMANUS
Treasurer	Mrs. RAY B. (GEORGIA) BRADLEY

[redacted] is Chairman of the Information and Education Committee, and [redacted] is Chairman of the Membership Committee.

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A confidential source reported that the regular meetings of this organization to date have been devoted mainly to election of officers, organization of committees, and re-writing the charter. Membership is estimated at 40 to 50.

On March 8, 1963, a public meeting was held in Bradenton, Florida, City Auditorium sponsored by this group. The main speaker was PAUL B. JOHNSON, JR., Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi; and he was accompanied to Bradenton by LOUIS W. HOLLIS, National Executive Director of The Citizens Council. Mr. JOHNSON spoke on the topic "The Cause of Freedom at Oxford--We Have Just Begun to Fight."

The meeting was attended by 300 to 350 persons, and Mr. JOHNSON was introduced by JIM DUKKER, who was identified as Representative to Florida Legislature from Orange County, Florida.

Confidential source reported that after the public meeting on March 8, 1963, the Executive Committee and a few active members of the Manatee Chapter met with

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Mr. JOHNSON and Mr. HOLLIS to discuss methods of expanding membership in the Manatee Chapter. It was revealed at this time that certain members of the local chapter had been instructed to write down the names of local people present at the public meeting; and these people will be contacted personally and asked to join the organization.

This source also reported that the Manatee Chapter will sponsor a similar public meeting at 8:00 p. m., March 19, 1963, at the American Legion Hall, Sarasota, Florida, where Lieutenant Commander CARL BAARSLAG will speak.

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FROM: SAC, Tampa (157-621)(P)

MANATEE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL
BRADENTON, FLORIDA
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination concerning membership meeting at Bradenton, Fla., 3/16/63, and public meeting at Sarasota, Fla., 3/19/63, by captioned organization.

No news items appeared concerning either meeting.

Information was furnished to SA [redacted] March 20, 1963, by PCI (RAC) [redacted] Bradenton, Florida. b6 b7C b7D

The Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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Tampa 9, Florida
March 25, 1963

MANATEE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL
BRADENTON, FLORIDA

A confidential source reported that a regular membership meeting of this organization was held at Bradenton, Florida, March 16, 1963. Forty-one persons attended the meeting. No business was discussed at this meeting other than to announce that the organization would sponsor a public meeting at Sarasota, Florida, at which KARL BAARSLAG would speak on communism.

On the evening of March 19, 1963, a public meeting was held at the American Legion building, Sarasota, Florida, co-sponsored by the Manatee County Citizens Council and The American Legion at Sarasota. The speaker was KARL BAARSLAG, who was introduced by the Commander of the Sarasota American Legion Post.

Eighty to one hundred persons were present at the meeting, and Mr. BAARSLAG spoke on basic concepts of communism and its inroads into the United States.

Mr. BAARSLAG identified himself as a retired Lt. Commander of the U. S. Navy with a background in Intelligence work.

At no time during the meeting was the Citizens Council mentioned. However, [redacted] of Bradenton, Florida, appeared to be the organizer of the meeting and stated that more meetings would follow, at which time a Sarasota Chapter of Citizens Council would be organized.

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FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-621) (P)

MANATEE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL,
BRADENTON, FLA.
RM
(OO; Tampa)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memo suitable for dissemination concerning a proposed trip by members of captioned organization to Birmingham, Ala., on 4/12/63.

Enclosed for Birmingham are two copies of above memo.

Information was furnished to SA [redacted] 4/9/63 by PCI (RAC) [redacted] Bradenton, Fla.

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Birmingham furnish Bureau and Tampa any information received from established sources concerning Citizens Council activity in Birmingham over weekend of 4/12/63 and identity of visitors from Tampa Division.

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Tampa, Florida
April 10, 1963

MANATEE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL, BRADENTON, FLA.

A confidential source reported that efforts are being made by Mrs. RAY B. (GEORGIA) BRADLEY, Treasurer of Manatee County Citizens Council, to organize a group of members of this council to travel to Birmingham, Ala., over the next weekend.

Mrs. BRADLEY did not indicate who would be included in this group other than they would be members of the Manatee County Council. She said the group would leave Bradenton Friday evening, April 12, 1963, and go directly to Birmingham. The purpose of the trip will be to "attend a meeting and take part in some activities." The nature and place of the meeting and activities were not further discussed by Mrs. BRADLEY.

The means of transportation was not mentioned, but Mrs. BRADLEY said the group would return to Bradenton in time for church services on Sunday, April 14, 1963.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-312)

WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO:BH)

Enclosed is a letterhead memorandum re subject.

Source is [redacted].

Bureau and interested offices will be kept advised of pertinent developments. b7D

Birmingham advise Bureau and Tampa of pertinent facts re meetings in Birmingham 5/7-14/63.

[redacted] has been invited by POTITO to accompany him to Birmingham and he plans to attend.

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Tampa, Florida

WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

On April 24, 1963, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised a Special Agent of the FBI as follows:

On April 22, 1963, Reverend OREN FENTON POTITO, National Organizer, National States Rights Party, St. Petersburg, Florida, stated that he had received a letter inviting him to speak at the White Citizens Council meetings in Birmingham, Alabama, on the nights of May 7-14, 1963.

POTITO stated he was going to Birmingham and would speak at these meetings and would show a film he has entitled "Katanga, The Untold Story."

POTITO went to Jacksonville, Florida, on April 19, 1963, and has stated he is going to Charlotte, North Carolina, on April 26, 1963. The purpose of these trips is not known.

Attached is a characterization of the National States Rights Party.

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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

On November 26, 1957, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP) reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party," with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue Number 19, dated June, 1960, "The Thunderbolt," announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

On June 17, 1960, a source advised that [redacted] of the NSRP, is the individual who "runs the NSRP."

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"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 5/28/63

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-665)(C)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Tampa letter to Director dated 3/25/63.

[redacted] advised on 3/26/63, that he had determined through [redacted] Tampa, that Tampa attorneys and a union official had given up their plans for organizing a White Citizens Council in the Tampa area, apparently after discussing the situation at the March 12, 1963, meeting mentioned in re letter.

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They allegedly indicated their decision was made for "professional reasons", according to source.

No further information has been developed by [redacted] or other sources to indicate any further interest in forming a Citizens Council in the Tampa area, therefore this case is being considered closed in the Tampa Division.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~105-34237~~)
SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-621)

MANATEE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL
BRADENTON, FLORIDA
RM
(OO:TP)

Remyairtel 4/10/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of letterhead memo suitable for dissemination concerning the activity by members of captioned organization.

Enclosed for Birmingham are two copies of above mentioned memo.

Information was furnished to SA [redacted] by PCI (RAC) [redacted] Bradenton, Fla., 4/22 and 4/25, 5/8, 10, 12, 13 and 5/18/63. b6 b7C b7D

Birmingham furnish Bureau and Tampa any information received from established sources concerning visits of Citizens Council members from Tampa Division to Birmingham area.

3 - Bureau (Encls 8)(RM)
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Tampa, Florida

MAY 24 1963

MANATEE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL
BRADENTON, FLORIDA

A confidential source reported that on April 12, 1963, the following persons, all members of the Manatee County Citizens Council, departed Bradenton, Florida, to go to Birmingham, Alabama:

[redacted]

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This group reportedly returned to Bradenton on April 14, 1963. The announced purpose of the trip was to attend a meeting and aprticipate in some activity. The type of activity was not specified. However, no mention was made of any violent activity by this group.

On May 18, 1963, a regular membership meeting of the Manatee Citizens Council was held at Bradenton. This was the first meeting since March 16, 1963, and was attended by 25 people (considerably less than previous meetings). At this meeting the President, Secretary, and a committee chairman resigned from their offices.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/31/63

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-957) (P)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
LEE COUNTY CHAPTER, CITIZENS COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTER

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For the information of the Bureau, CS [redacted] has advised that the captioned individual and her husband, who reside at [redacted] Florida, with the assistance of a [redacted] organize the Lee County Chapter of the Citizens Council in January, 1964. Pertinent information will be developed and furnished to the Bureau.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-621) (P)

MANATEE COUNTY CITIZENS COUNCIL
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed for the Bureau are appropriate copies of letterhead memorandum for dissemination purposes.

A copy of same is furnished for the information of the New Orleans Office, re the activities of Mississippi Governor ROSS BARNETT.

Copies are also being furnished to INTC and Secret Service locally.

Sources who furnished information set forth in enclosed memorandum are identified as:

First source: [redacted]
Second source:
Third source:

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P. O. Box 18185
Tampa, Florida 33609

February 18, 1964

GOVERNOR ROSS BARNETT, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
TO SPEAK AT MEETING OF MANATEE COUNTY
CITIZENS COUNCIL, BRADENTON, FLA., 2/21/64

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 11, 1964, that it was announced at the February 10, 1964 meeting of the Manatee County Citizens Council, Bradenton, Florida, that Governor ROSS BARNETT of Mississippi will be the speaker at the next meeting of said organization, same to be held at the Bradenton City Auditorium on the evening of February 21, 1964. LOUIS W. HOLLIS, National Director of the Citizens Councils organization will also attend the meeting, according to source.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 17, 1964, that the February 21 meeting at Bradenton, at which Governor BARNETT is to be the speaker, was discussed at the meeting of the Plant City (Florida) Klavern, United Florida Ku Klux Klan, held at Keysville, Florida on February 15, 1964, and that a group of klansmen made arrangements to attend the function at Bradenton.

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 17, 1964, that the Bradenton meeting was also discussed at the National States Rights Party meeting held at Tampa, Florida, on February 14, 1964, and the next weekly meeting of this organization, scheduled for February 21st, was cancelled so that members and sympathizers can attend the meeting at which Governor BARNETT will speak.

Characterizations of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan and the National States Rights Party are attached hereto.

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APPENDIX
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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP), STATE OF FLORIDA

In a letter to the Chairman and National Committee, NSRP, dated February 5, 1963, as published in the February, 1963, issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the official organ of the National States Rights Party with headquarters at Birmingham, Alabama, Dewey M. Taft announced the merging of the Conservative Party of America, Dewey Taft, Chairman, with the National States Rights Party. "The Thunderbolt" also contained another announcement to the effect that Taft was appointed NSRP Chairman for Florida.

A source has advised during April, May, and June, 1963, that Taft has located NSRP State Headquarters at Tampa, Florida, and has organized a Hillsborough County Branch of the NSRP at Tampa, Florida.

In April, 1963, Taft began editing "The Florida Patriot," self-described as a monthly publication of the NSRP of Florida.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-64) DATE: February 29, 1964

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-957) (P)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
Lee County Chapter,
Citizens Councils -
Racial Matter

Remylet 12/31/63

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Tampa at Fort Myers, Florida has been unable to identify [redacted] through the usual sources of information. Information has been developed in Sarasota, Florida that [redacted] has returned to that area.

LEADS:

TAMPA DIVISION

AT SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Will through sources in the Sarasota-Bradenton area verify [redacted] return to that area.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)

DATE: 4/24/64

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-957) (P)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
Lee Co. Chapter
Citizens Council
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On 4/10/64, [redacted] reported to SA [redacted] that [redacted] and her husband have not moved back to the Bradenton, Fla., area. He said apparently [redacted] still lives at [redacted] Fort Myers, Fla.

On 4/17/64, Mrs. [redacted] Fla., advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] and [redacted] own the property at [redacted] across the street from her and moved to Fort Myers, Fla., in the Fall of 1963. She said they visit the area occasionally, but they have not moved back to the Bradenton area.

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Tampa Division at Ft. Myers, Fla., will continue efforts to verify that [redacted] resides at Ft. Myers and also to determine if she is making efforts to organize a Citizens Council there.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237) DATE: 6/19/64

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-957)(P) b6 b7C

SUBJECT: [redacted]
LEE COUNTY CHAPTER
CITIZENS COUNCIL
RM [redacted]

CITIZENS COUNCILS

The current Ft. Myers City Directory reflects that [redacted] and [redacted] reside at [redacted] Ft. Myers, Fla. The current Ft. Myers telephone directory reflects telephone number [redacted] for [redacted]

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On June 12, 1964, Deputy Sheriff HENRY WRIGHT, Lee Co. SO, [redacted] and Officer [redacted] Ft. Myers, Fla. PD, all advised they had no record for [redacted] or [redacted]

The current Ft. Myers City directory fails to list any person with the surname of Forrester or Forester whose given name begins with an "R"

On 6/12/64, all of the ~~Forresters~~ FORRESTER and Forester records of the Lee Co. SO, were reviewed and a record located for one LAWRENCE FORESTER, date of birth 10/18/08, Boone, N. C., FBI No. 4146490. FORESTER was employed as a roofer in Ft. Myers in 1961 and has a record for arrests in the Sarasota-Bradenton area. He was also convicted on violation of Selective Service Laws and sentenced to three years in custody of the Attorney General of the United States in October, 1944.

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On 6/12/64, Chief Investigator, [redacted] Lee Co. SO, advised that to his knowledge there is no Citizen's Council, White Citizen's Council or similiar organization in Lee Co.

On 6/15/64, SAC contacted GEORGE E. ALLEN former Special Agent, now a practicing lawyer and very active in civic affairs advised that he is aware of the White Citizen's Councils in various states and cities, but that to the best

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2 - Bureau
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of his knowledge there is no similiar organization in Ft. Myers or Lee Co., Fla.

LEADS:

TAMPA DIVISION

AT BRADENTON, FLORIDA

Recontact [redacted] and exhibit to informant the photograph of LAWRENCE FORESTER, FBI No. [redacted] to determine if he might be identical with R. FORRESTER. Also determine from informant any identifying information concerning R. FORRESTER if not identical with FORESTER.

Determine from informant if [redacted] has taken any overt action in the organizing of a Citizen's Council in Ft. Myers or whether or not it is still in the talk stage. b6 b7C b7D

Conduct credit and arrest checks on [redacted] and [redacted]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)

DATE: 8/25/64

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-957) (C)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
Lee County Chapter
Citizens Council
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AT BRADENTON, FLORIDA

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On 7/2/64 the Bradenton, Fla. PD and SO records searched by SA [redacted] contained no record of [redacted] or [redacted]

On 7/2/64 Mrs. [redacted] advised SA [redacted] her files reflect that [redacted] and [redacted] as of 1962 lived at [redacted] Bradenton and Mr. [redacted] was employed as a salesman for [redacted], Bradenton.

There is no derogatory information in the [redacted] file.

On 7/29/64 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that photo of LAWRENCE FORESTER appears identical with the R. FORESTER or FORRESTER he saw at Manatee Citizens Council meeting one or two times about December, 1963.

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Informant said he has heard nothing for some time about formation of a Citizens Council at Ft. Myers, Fla. Apparently nothing is being done in this regard. Also he has no further information concerning location or activity of [redacted]

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Since the initial information concerning possible formation of a Citizens' Council Chapter in Lee County, Florida was furnished by [redacted] in September, 1963, investigation by Tampa Division has failed to indicate the existence of any such organization in Lee County.

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The Tampa Division presently has under investigation in Lee County, Florida an organization known as the Lee County Voter's Association which was formed in July, 1964.

Responsible Lee County and Fort Myers law enforcement officials describe and characterize the officials and members of the Lee County Voter's Association in a manner befitting a White Citizen's Council, and Tampa, at Fort Myers, is directing investigative attention towards this group as a possible racial or hate-type organization.

No additional investigation is contemplated concerning a possible Citizen's Council in Lee County, but this case will be reopened in the event evidence of the existence or possible formation of a Citizen's Council is learned.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-2342)(P)

CITIZENS COUNCILS
PLANT CITY, FLA.
RM (ORGANIZATION)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of LHM, which is self-explanatory.

Copies have been furnished locally to INTC and Secret Service, Tampa, ONI, Charleston, S. C. and OSI, Robins AFB, Ga.

Tampa will follow and advise of any pertinent developments.

First source is [redacted]

Second source is [redacted]

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File No.

Tampa, Florida

October 22, 1965

CITIZENS COUNCIL,
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 4, 1965, that at a regular weekly meeting of the Plant City, Florida Klavern, United Florida Ku Klux Klan (UFKKK) held at Keysville, Florida, on the evening of October 2, 1965, [redacted] the [redacted] indicated that he had recently made a trip to Bradenton, Florida to hear General EDWIN WALKER speak. Source advised that [redacted] stated that a member of the Mississippi Legislature approached him at the meeting concerning the starting of a Citizens Council at Plant City. According to source, arrangements were made to have this man speak to a group at Plant City, concerning the starting of a Citizens Council on either Monday or Tuesday evening, October 4 or 5, 1965. The meeting was to be held at the residence of [redacted] on [redacted] Florida.

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A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 7, 1965, that at a meeting of the Plant City Klavern, UFKKK, on October 2, 1965, [redacted] announced the meeting concerning the organization of a Citizens Council to be held at [redacted] home on [redacted] and encouraged everyone to attend. According to source, [redacted] said the youngest member of the Mississippi Legislature is the person organizing the Citizens Council in Florida.

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A characterization of the UFKKK is contained in the appendix attached.

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APPENDIX

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UNITED FLORIDA KU KLUX KLAN (UFKKK)

A source advised on August 20, 1955, that a new organization known as Florida Ku Klux Klan (FKKK) had been formed at Macclenny, Florida, on August 14, 1955, by former members of the Association of Florida Ku Klux Klan (AFKKK).

The objectives of this group, according to a second source, are to oppose integration in the schools and to fight communism.

Regarding AFKKK, a third source advised that a former official of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) formed an organization on July 7, 1953, known as AFKKK. The "Morning Tribune," Tampa, Florida, newspaper, in its August 11, 1955, issue revealed AFKKK disbanded on that date.

A fourth source advised on October 25, 1956, that AFKKK operated under the same principles and bylaws as the AGK. The AGK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A fifth source advised on February 17, 1958, that the FKKK is operating and maintaining the same objectives as set forth above.

The sixth source advised on June 28, 1961, that at a meeting held in Orlando, Florida, on June 25, 1961, the FKKK and the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, in Florida, consolidated and the new organization is known as the UFKKK.

On August 8, 1965, the sixth source advised that the UFKKK is still in existence in Florida and maintains the same objectives set forth above.

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To: Director, FBI
Att: ~~Civil Rights Section~~
~~General Investigative Division~~

From: SAC, TAMPA (157-2342)(P)

Subject: CITIZENS COUNCIL
PLANT CITY, FLA.

☐ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☒ RACIAL MATTERS - ORGANIZATION

ReTPairtel to Director, with LHM, dated 10/22/65.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Copies of this LHM have been furnished locally to INTC and Secret Service, Tampa; ONI, Charleston, S. C. and OSI, Robins AFB, Ga.

Source is [redacted] b7D

Tampa will follow and advise of any pertinent developments.

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Tampa, Florida

October 26, 1965

CITIZENS COUNCIL
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

Reference is made to memorandum dated October 22, 1965, captioned as above, at Tampa, Florida.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 7, 1965, that [redacted] Fla. a member of the Plant City Klavern, United Florida Ku Klux Klan (UFKKK) made the statement on October 4, 1965, that he had attended a meeting at [redacted] home on [redacted] of Plant City, Florida, on Monday, October 4, 1965. This meeting was for the purpose of forming a Citizens Council in the Plant City area. [redacted] said that about 30 persons were in attendance. There were several women and a number of the members of the Plant City Klavern there. In [redacted] opinion, the meeting was a success and he said that the group would soon be an organized Citizens Council.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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To: Director, FBI (105-34237-64) ~~Attn: Civil Rights Section~~ ~~General Investigative Division~~

From: SAC, TAMPA (157-2342) (P)

Subject: CITIZENS COUNCIL
PLANT CITY, FLA.

☐ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☒ RACIAL MATTERS - ORGANIZATION

Re Tampa airtels to Director with LHM dated 10/22/65 and 10/26/65.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Copies of this LHM have been furnished locally to INTC and Secret Service, Tampa; ONI, Charleston, S. C. and OSI, Robins AFB, Ga.

First source is [redacted] second source is [redacted] and third source is [redacted] b7D

Tampa will continue to follow.

AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI; SEC. SER.; [illegible], CRD, ~~RAO~~
DATE FORW: 11/29/65
HOW FORW: RS
BY: BPM:cj

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Tampa, Florida
NOV 2 4 1965

CITIZENS COUNCIL
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

Reference is made to memorandum dated October 26, 1965, captioned as above at Tampa, Florida.

On October 27, 1965 [Mr.] first source advised that on October 26, 1965, [redacted] met a group of Plant City klansmen and told them of a meeting of the newly formed Plant City Citizens Council, which he had attended earlier that evening at the Turkey Creek Community Center. Those persons known to have attended this meeting besides [redacted] were [redacted] and the wives of [redacted] These individuals are all members of the Plant City Klavern.

[redacted] said a preacher by the name of [Mrs.] [redacted] (PHONETIC) volunteered for the position of President of this group and was subsequently elected. [redacted] also stated that the turn out was not as good as at the previous meeting which had been held at his home.

On October 29, 1965, second source advised that [redacted] was heard to say that there was a Citizens Council meeting at the Turkey Creek Civic Club on Tuesday, October 26, 1965 and that attendance was poor. [redacted] said that in the future these meetings would be on Monday nights at the same location.

Third source advised on November 1, 1965, that at a meeting of the Plant City, Florida Klavern, United Florida Ku Klux Klan (UFKKK), held on October 30, 1965, it was announced that the newly formed Citizens Council is meeting at the Turkey Creek Community Center on Monday evenings and that a film concerning the "Selma to Montgomery March" might be shown on November 1, 1965.

A characterization of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan is attached.

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Tampa, Florida

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Title CITIZENS COUNCIL
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

Character

Reference Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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To: Director, FBI (105-34237-64) ~~Civil Rights Section~~ ~~General Investigative Division~~

From: SAC, TAMPA (157-2342) (P)

Subject: CITIZENS COUNCILS
PLANT CITY, FLA.

☐ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☒ RACIAL MATTERS -ORGANIZATION

Re Tampa airtel to Director with LHM dated 11/24/65.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

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First source is [redacted]

Second source is [redacted]

Third source is [redacted]

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Tampa will continue to follow this matter.

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC. SER.; [illegible], CID

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Tampa, Florida
January 14, 1966

CITIZENS COUNCIL
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

On November 5, 1965, first source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that there was a Citizens Council meeting at the Turkey Creek Civic Club on November 2, 1965. There were approximately 35 men and women present.

The meeting began at about 8:00 P.M. and lasted for an hour and forty-five minutes. The principal speaker was a preacher, but several people spoke from the audience. The subjects discussed were the Federal Government, present Administration, the Negro situation and segregation.

One man in the audience came close to getting himself into trouble when he stood up for the Negroes in World War II, praising their fighting ability and so forth. He also stated on several occasions that the group was not a Citizens Council if it did not admit all citizens, the colored race included.

On November 15, 1965, a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at a Plant City Klavern meeting of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan on November 13, 1965, it was announced that there would be a Plant City Citizens Council meeting at Turkey Creek, Florida, on November 16, 1965.

A characterization of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan (UFKKK) is attached hereto.

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CITIZENS COUNCIL
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

On November 23, 1965, this same source advised that he had attended a meeting of the Plant City Citizens Council held at the Turkey Creek Community Center on the evening of November 16, 1965. There were approximately 25 persons present.

There were two movies shown, put out by the Defense Department, concerning Red China and urging that they not be admitted to the United Nations. One of the movies was entitled, "Appeasement".

After the movies, [redacted] of the Plant City Klavern, UFKKK, stood up and said "You can see what Red China's aim is - to cause all these little wars and get control". He urged everyone to write their congressman and Ambassador GOLDBURG of the United Nations.

[redacted] was disappointed that there were no more people present from outside the klan. He stated that there had been a pretty good turnout of non-klansmen at the organizational meeting, but that most of these people never returned.

[redacted] was also mad because the man who is in charge of Citizens Council for the southeastern United States, who is believed to be from Alabama, had failed to mail the Plant City group any literature as yet. He said that there is a monthly pamphlet entitled, "The Councilman", which they should be receiving.

On November 30, 1965, the second source advised that [redacted] was overheard to state on November 26th that the Plant City Citizens Council will not be meeting again until sometime during the latter part of January, 1966. [redacted] said that this decision was made at the Citizens Council meeting held on the previous Tuesday night, and was decided upon because of the lack of support being demonstrated. [redacted] stated that attendance at the meetings had boiled down to where practically the only persons going were klansmen.

CITIZENS COUNCIL
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 8, 1965, that at a meeting of the Plant City Klavern on December 4, 1965, [redacted] announced that there will be no more Citizens Council meetings until after the first of the year. b6 b7C

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)

FROM SAC, TAMPA (157-665) (P)

CITIZENS COUNCIL
TAMPA, FLORIDA
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of LHM.

Source who furnished information set forth in enclosed LHM is [redacted] b7D

The enclosed LHM has been disseminated locally to INTC and Secret Service, Tampa, ONI, Charleston, S.C. and OSI, Robins AFB, Ga.

Tampa will follow formation of the Citizens Council.

1cc & cc LHM
SAC BB

AGENCY: ACSI ONI OSI SEC, [redacted]
CRD, [redacted]
DATE 1/21/66
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Tampa, Florida

January 20, 1966

CITIZENS COUNCIL
TAMPA, FLORIDA

ATTENDED

A source advised on December 10, 1965, that an organizational meeting of the Citizens Council was held at the home of [redacted] in Tampa, Florida, on December 9, 1965. The meeting was brought about by a Mr. BLACKWELL of Mississippi who is allegedly a state legislator. About fifteen persons were present. A film was shown and discussion was had as to how to form a Citizens Council in Tampa. [redacted] was voted temporary chairman and his wife was selected as temporary secretary.

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/CITIZENS COUNCIL, TAMPA, FLA.

A film "White Monday in Mississippi" was shown by a uniformed member of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

The source reported on January 17, 1966, that another meeting was held by this group at the residence of DEWEY TAFT, Tampa, Florida, on January 13, 1966. Nine persons were present. They plan to get a large group of several hundred people to join the Citizens Council, TAMPA, FLA, 1-17-66

ATTENDED MEETING OF

It was decided to write Mr. BLACKWELL in Mississippi and ask him to send them an application for a charter. The group expressed a desire to be "legal" when they begin accepting applications for membership.

They plan to have another meeting on January 27, 1966. Each member of the group is to bring one or two persons interested in helping build this organization.

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From: SAC, TAMPA (157-665)

Subject: CITIZENS COUNCILS
TAMPA, FLORIDA

ATTENTION:
[X] CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
[ ] DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

[ ] CR [ ] EL [ ] VRA-65 [ ] CRA-64
[ ] PA [ ] PE [ ] PF
[ ] BM [ ] BM-Threats [X] Racial Matters
[ ] Klan [X] Organization

Summary of Complaint:

Enclosed are eight copies of LHM.

Source of information is [redacted] Tampa will follow for further developments.

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2/15/66 RS BPM:cj

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ACTION: UACB:
[ ] No further action being taken and
(3) - Bureau [X] LHM enclosed [ ] Copy furnished to USA
3 - Tampa [ ] LHM being submitted
(1 [redacted] [ ] Report being submitted
WKG:cj [ ] Preliminary investigation instituted
(6) [ ] Limited investigation instituted

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Post Office Box 3301
Tampa, Florida 33601
February 10, 1966

CITIZENS COUNCIL, TAMPA, FLORIDA

On January 24, 1966, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that there was a meeting of a group of individuals at the residence of Dewey Taft on N. Grady Street, Tampa, on the evening of January 21, 1966. This group met with Lewis Hollis, Executive Director, National Citizens Council, who was said to have flown in from Jackson, Mississippi, to discuss the organizing of a FLA Citizens Council in Tampa. There were fourteen or fifteen persons in attendance, a number of which were Klan members from the Tampa Klavern, United Florida Ku Klux Klan.

A characterization of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan is attached hereto.

Mr. Hollis talked to the group about the Citizens Council organizations and explained to those present how to get a group organized in Tampa. He wanted the group to schedule a public rally in an effort to build membership and asked that they send letters of invitation to a large number of potential members, the letters to be supplied by the National Citizens Council office, with money for postage to be furnished by those present. He stated that a collection could be taken up at the public rally and that these individuals could get the postage money back out of such collection.

The group plans to compile a list of persons to invite to such a public rally and will attempt to schedule same during the next three to four weeks.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-342374-64)

DATE: February 18, 1966

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-2342) (P)

SUBJECT: CITIZEN's COUNCILS
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA

Re Tampa airtels to Director dated 10/26/65 and 1/14/66 with LHM's.

Reference airtel dated 1/14/66 indicated that the Plant City Citizen's Council had decided to discontinue holding meetings until the latter part of January, 1966. As of this time, there has been no activity of this group.

Tampa will continue to follow and report any developments.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-3423-64) DATE: 4/28/66

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-2342)(C)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCIL
PLANT CITY, FLORIDA
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Tampa letter dated 2/18/66.

Contacts made with appropriate sources have revealed no indication that any efforts are being made to reactivate above captioned organization.

This case is being closed in Tampa Division.

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TAMPA, FLORIDA

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AGENCY: ACS [illegible] OSI; SEC. SVC.
[illegible] CRD, [redacted]
DATE FORW: 7/1/66
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BY: NSM/sei
ICC ATT LHM 90-9TD

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ACTION: UACB:
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☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, Tampa
☐ LHM being submitted
☐ Report being submitted
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Tampa, Florida 33601

JUN 24 1966

CITIZEN COUNCIL, TAMPA, FLORIDA

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on April 18, 1966, that he has no knowledge of Citizen Council meetings at Tampa during recent weeks. He believes efforts to form such an organization in Tampa have been discontinued.

No information concerning Citizen Council meetings has been received since April 18, 1966.

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